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1. CAMEROON HAS COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION COVERING ACQUISITION, CARRYING, TRANSFER, IMPORTATION, TEMPORARY ADMISSION AND PRIVATE STORAGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION CONTAINED IN MINISTRY OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION DECREE NUMBER 73/658 OF OCTOBER 22, 1973, PUBLISHED IN ACAP OF OCTOBER 24, 1973.

2. PERMITS CONCERNING FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION AND INCLUDE FOLLOWING: (A) PERMIT TO BUY, IMPORT, CARRY AND TRANSFER ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR PERSONAL USE; (B) PERMIT TO IMPORT ARMS OR AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS FOR COMMERCIAL USAGE; (C) PERMIT TO BUY OR ADMIT TEMPORARILY AND CARRY ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR FOREIGNERS; (D) PERMIT TO STORE PRIVATELY ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR COMMERCIAL USAGE; (E) PERMIT TO BUY CARTRIDGES; AND (F) PERMIT TO OPEN A REPAIR SHOP FOR ARMS.

3. PERMITS TO ACQUIRE, CARRY, TRANSFER, IMPORT OR TEMPORARILY IMPORT ARMS AND AMMUNITION MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO CAMEROONIAN NATIONALS 18 YEARS OR AGE AND OVER AND TO FOREIGNERS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER AND OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER. PRIVATE ARMS AND AMMUNITION DEPOSITARIES AND REPAIR SHOPS MAY ONLY BE ESTABLISHED

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BY PERSONS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER AND OF GOOD MORAL AND KNOWN

PROFESSIONAL STANDING. PERMITS CAN BE REVOKED IF HOLDER IS CONVICTED OF VIOLENCE OR ATTEMPTED VIOLENCE OR IF HE IS KNOWN TO BE MENTALLY ILL OR SUBJECT TO EXCESSES.

4. ANY PERSON DESIRING TO OBTAIN A PERMIT MUST PRESENT TO THE CHIEF OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION WHERE HE LIVES A DOSSIER CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS: (A) STAMPED REQUEST; (B) CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CONDUCT (EXTRAIT DE CASIER JUDICIAIRE) LESS THAN 3 MONTHS OLD; (C) COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR ITS EQUIVALENT; (D) DESCRIPTIVE BROCHURE OF FIREARMS; (E) ATTESTATION BY TAX SERVICE THAT TAX HAS BEEN PAID OR EXEMPTED; (F) TWO IDENTITY PHOTOS.

5. IF ARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED, A REQUEST BY THE TRANSFERRING PARTY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ACQUISITION AND CARRYING PERMIT. PERMITS FOR TEMPORARY ADMISSION FOR FOREIGNERS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR AGENTS ABROAD.

6. COMMERCIAL FIREARMS DEPOSITARIES AND REPAIR SHOPS MUST REGISTER ALL OPERATIONS IN A SPECIAL BOOK MARKED AND INITIALED BY THE PRESIDENT OF A JUDICIAL COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE AND AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. ENTRIES MUST INDICATE

DATE, NUMBER AND DATE OF CUSTOMS WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION, TYPE, CHARACTERISTICS AND QUANTITY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION CONCERNED. WITHDRAWALS MUST INDICATE DATE, TITLE AND NUMBER OF WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION, TYPE, CHARACTERISTICS AND QUANTITY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION WITHDRAWN, AS WELL AS NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WITHDRAWING ITEMS. GOVERNMENTAL CHECKS OF DEPOSIT AND REPAIR FACILITIES ARE TO BE MADE AT LEAST EVERY SIX MONTHS.

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